

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) People mover (2) comprising:

an endless tread belt (6) formed from several tread elements (4) connected to one another, which is driven by a drive unit about a first and second reversal point (22);

a side skirt (24) moved concurrently with the tread belt (6), the side skirt (24) on the tread elements (4) comprising flange elements (28) joined to the tread belt and bridge elements (30) connected movably relative to the flange elements (28);

a sensor (38) which is arranged adjacent to the side skirt (24), the sensor (38) having a limited detection range perpendicular to a circulating direction of the side skirt (24) ; and

a plurality of marking elements (34) arranged in a line on the flange elements (28) and the bridge elements (30) side skirt (24) along the circulating direction and having a limited width perpendicular to the circulating direction.

2. (Previously Presented) People mover (2) according to Claim 1, wherein, on each of the flange elements (28) and bridge elements (30) of the side skirt (24), a rib (32) is provided that serves the detection of flange element (28) or bridge element (30) by sensor (38) and that is arranged on a side of the side skirt (24) that is opposite from the visible side.

3. (Previously Presented) People mover (2) according to Claim 2, wherein the ribs (32) are arranged in series essentially along a straight line in a linear area of people mover (2), the sensor (38) being constructed such that it detects interruption in the rib series (36).

4. (Previously Presented) People mover (2) according to one of Claims 1-3, wherein the sensor (38) is a noncontact sensor.

5. (Previously Presented) People mover (2) according to Claim 4, wherein the sensor (38) is a magnetic sensor.

6. (Previously Presented) People mover (2) according to one of Claims 2-3, the flange elements (28) and bridge elements (30) are manufactured from aluminum material and the ribs (32) are constructed in one piece therewith, and wherein the plurality of marking elements (34) are clips and at least one clip of spring steel is provided on the rib (32) of each flange element (28) and each bridge element (30).

7. (Previously Presented) People mover (2) according to Claim 6, wherein the clips (34) are essentially half as long as the corresponding ribs (32).

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) People mover (2) according to one of Claims 1-3, wherein two of the sensors (38) are connected in series.

10. (Previously Presented) People mover (2) according to one of Claims 1-3, wherein the plurality of marking elements (34) are clips and a clip (34) is provided for each flange element (28) or bridge element (30).

11. (New) People mover (2) according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of marking elements (34) is arranged in a non-continuous line along the flange elements (28) and the bridge elements (30).